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STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-85

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE COUNCIL ON REORGANIZATION OF YOUTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, families and communities are the basis of social development and must provide the cornerstone of our youth services system, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop a partnership among public, private, state, and local agencies in order to provide quality services to our youth, and

WHEREAS, current law creates fragmentation of the responsibility to provide services to Montana youth, and

WHEREAS, the funding for youth services is appropriated in such a manner that resources for services are available on the basis of legal status or custody rather than need of youth, family and community, and

WHEREAS, the numbers of youth in institutions is increasing while the general population of youth is decreasing, and

WHEREAS, Montana's youth services evolved to comply with federal dictates which do not consider the unique needs of our youth:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED SCHWINDEN, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Montana, specifically section 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Council on Reorganization of Youth Services also known as the Reorganization of Youth Services Advisory Council.

I. PURPOSE

The Council is charged with recommending ways to reorganize and improve the delivery of services to Montana's problem youth. Specifically, the Council shall recommend a reorganization of Montana's youth services that addresses the following:

- a. A structure which will encourage the resources in the system

 to be available for youth services at the most cost effective and
 appropriate level.
- b. A service organization that fixes <u>authority</u> and <u>responsibility</u> with one agency for the care and treatment of young people who become the responsibility of government.

- c. A structure which will link existing services for youth who are abused, neglected, abandoned, emotionally disturbed, chemically dependent, delinquent, and in need of supervision.
- d. A service delivery system that assures planning, development, maintenance, and evaluation of a continuum of services incorporating the most effective and least restrictive method of care and treatment.
- e. A structure that will maximize the effect of existing state funds leveraging federal, local, and private funding sources, and
- f. A system that will assist and involve communities in being responsible for and responsive to their own youth.

In conjunction with the recommendation for reorganization of Montana's youth services, the Council is also charged with:

- a. Recommending changes in statute and policy which encourage flexibility and creativity in the use of resources for individual treatment plans, and
- b. Recommending policy and statute changes which respond to the priorities and concerns of Montana communities.
- c. Referring those juvenile justice issues needing consideration but outside the purview of this Council to the Youth Justice Council for further study.

The Council's recommendations shall be submitted in writing to the Governor no later than September 1, 1986.

II. COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF APPOINTMENT

The Council shall consist of the following persons who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor:

NAME

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The Chairperson of the Council is Gary Buchanan.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

The Governor's office shall provide staff assistance to the Council.

IV. COMPENSATION

Council members shall be compensated for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to Section 2-15-122(5), MCA.

V. <u>DURATION</u>

This council shall exist until June 30, 1987.

This order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this // // day of November, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

TED SCHWINDEN, Governor

ATTEST:

JIM WALTERMIRE, Secretary of State